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SUBJECT: UNCTAD IV: NEGOTIATING GROUP IV - LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, DEVELOPED ISLAND COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES (ITEM 13) AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (ITEM 14)

1. OFFICERS OF NEGOTIATING GROUP IV:

CHAIRMAN - BOGERE (UGANDA)

VICE-CHAIRMAN - BENN (GUYANA)

RAPORTEUR - ISKIT (TURKEY)

GROUP B COORDINATOR - WEGENER (FRG)

G-77 COORDINATOR - AHMAD (BANGLADESH) FOR ITEM 13; MEXICO

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FOR ITEM 14.

2. AFTER ALMOST WEEK OF MEETINGS OF NEGOTIATING GROUP IV, THERE IS GENERAL EXPECTATION IN GROUP B THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO WORK OUT COMPROMISE LANGUAGE TO MANY OF THE RELEVANT SECTIONS IN THE MANILA DECLARATION. WE HAVE DECIDED IN GROUP B TO TRY TO BE AS POSITIVE AS WE CAN BECAUSE THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS 13 AND 14. HOWEVER, WE ARE TAKING A STRONG STAND ON ISSUES WHERE WE CANNOT COMPROMISE, FOR EXAMPLE, DEBT CANCELLATION REQUESTS FOR THE LDCS.

3. ONE MAJOR PROBLEM IN NEGOTIATING GROUP IV IS GOING TO BE THE DEMAND OF THE GROUP OF 77 FOR THE SAME KIND OF SPECIAL MEASURES FOR THE ISLAND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES AS FOR THE LLDCS. ISLAND AND LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES INCLUDE SOME HIGHER INCOME COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT HAVE THE SAME KIND OF PROBLEMS AS THE LLDCS. IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO MAKE DISTINCTIONS AMONG THESE GROUPS OF COUNTRIES EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN LUMPED TOGETHER IN PREVIOUS UNCTAD RESOLUTIONS.

4. THE US GRANT PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO THE LLDCS GOES BEYOND THE MANILA DECLARATION PROPOSAL AND WE ARE MEETING OPPOSITION FROM THE FRENCH, GERMAN, JAPANESE AND SOME OTHER GROUP B DELEGATIONS. WE WILL HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER SEPARATE DECLARATION ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES ON GRANT PROPOSAL FOR THE LLDCS IS INDICATED. THE PREVAILING SPIRIT IN GROUP B IS TO COMPROMISE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY POSITIONS FOR THE SAKE OF GROUP SOLIDARITY.

5. ANOTHER PROBLEM ARISES FROM FACT THAT THERE ARE A SERIES OF DEMANDS FOR SPECIAL MEASURES FOR THE LLDCS IN SUBSTANTIVE AREAS WHICH ARE BEING DISCUSSED IN OTHER NEGOTIATING GROUPS SUCH AS COMMODITIES, DEBT, TRADE AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. IN OUR GROUP B DRAFTING NEGOTIATIONS WE WILL BE GUIDED BY THE LANGUAGE BEING ADOPTED BY OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN OTHER NEGOTIATING GROUPS.

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6. ON AGENDA ITEM 14 - ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES - THE MAIN ISSUES FOR THE US ARE: DEMANDS ON DCS TO SUPPORT REGIONAL INTEGRATION EFFORTS AMONG LDCS, SUPPORT OF TRADE PREFERENCE AGREEMENTS, MEASURES TO FACILITATE TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND ACTIONS BY THE DCS TO FACILITATE FINANCIAL AND MONETARY COOPERATION AMONG LDCS.

7. WE CAN SUPPORT IN GENERAL INTEGRATION EFFORTS AND
TRADE PREFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS AS LONG AS THE
ARE ESTABLISHED IN A NON-DISCRIMINATORY WAY. WE
CAN ALSO SUPPORT MEASURES TO FACILITATE TECHNOLOGICAL
COOPERATION AMONG LDCS AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION.
GROUP B AGREES ON OBJECTING TO DEMANDS FOR THE DCs
TO FINANCE MULTILATERAL INTEREST SUBSIDIZATION
SCHEMES IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE LOSS OF LOAN BY
SURPLUS TO OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. GROUP B'S
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